

LAKE TAUPO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

POLICY NUMBER: 15

NAG'S REF: 5

POLICY TITLE: **Education outside the Classroom**

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Signed by Chairman:

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that educational activities outside of the classroom (EOTC) are managed in a way to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and maximise the learning benefits provided. This policy sets out the planning requirements in order to support this.

All EOTC activities will be carried out with the safety of all participants being paramount. To help this happen staff and volunteers will follow the guidelines in the EOTC Guidelines 2016 – “Bringing the Curriculum Alive” <http://eotc.tki.org.nz/EOTC-home/EOTC-Guideline>

EOTC activities have two principal planning requirements:

1. Planning for teaching and learning
2. Planning for the safety and welfare of all attending the activity

Expected outcomes of EOTC activities

In the course of their EOTC experiences, students will gain new knowledge and understandings, skills and abilities, and attitudes and values, as well as building on those they already have.

Appropriate EOTC teaching and learning activities

EOTC activities are appropriate where activities outside the classroom can more effectively meet students learning needs than programmes inside the classroom, taking into consideration the costs involved and any potential risks/hazards.

Teaching and learning activities that are considered appropriate for pupils at Lake Taupo Christian School include:

- Curriculum focus topics; eg visits to industrial sites, utilities and amenities; visits to farms, national parks
- Physical education activities; adventure activities, sports events and sports camp;
- Social living, personal health and safety activities: camps, outdoor experience activities;

· Curriculum extension activities; eg Student Convention.

The Board of Trustees will develop and implement the following procedures:

EOTC Safety Planning and Implementation Procedures.doc

EOTC Crisis Management Procedures.doc

EOTC Incident Reporting Procedures.doc